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Substitute House Bill No. 6367

House of Representatives, April 22, 2003

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. O'ROURKE of the 32nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING STORAGE OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) A municipality may store
- 2 any original document off-site, provided the information contained in
- 3 the document is available on demand on-site by electronic means and
- 4 the town clerk can provide and certify a copy of the required
- 5 document.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
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GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost Avoidance	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The language is permissive. It is assumed that towns will only choose to store original documents off-site when doing so is less costly than other storage options.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill permits municipalities to store original documents off site if (1) they are electronically available on site on demand and (2) the town clerk can provide and certify a copy. By law, the state librarian must approve security storage facilities or establish and operate them for the safe storage of original public records.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0